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NORWAY.

*Quarantine against Madagascar on account of plague.*

CHRISTIANIA, October 16, 1899.

SIR: Inclosed I have the honor to send notification, issued by the Norwegian Government, directing that the island of Madagascar is declared infected with the plague, and that the shipping in the island has become subject to all the rules in such cases enacted against that of other infected territory. Of these rules I have made report to the Department. In the same notification it is declared that the Pescadores, in Eastern Asia, are declared free of the disease, and that its shipping shall no longer be subjected to such rules.

I have the honor to be,

HENRY BORDEWICH,  
Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

PORTUGAL.

*Case of plague in Lisbon.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, D. C., November 13, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to communicate for your information the following telegram received from the United States consul at Lisbon yesterday: "Pestana, bacteriologist from Oporto attacked by pest in Lisbon. Extraordinary precautions taken.—THIERIOT."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SPAIN.

*Steerage passengers from plague-infected territory to be prohibited from embarking for United States, Cuban, or Porto Rican ports.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, D. C., November 3, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo requesting that, in view of the statement of the consul-general of the United States at Barcelona to the effect that about 500 emigrants from Santander and Corunna will leave by the monthly steamers for Cuba and Porto Rico, a telegram be sent to the consular officers at these ports instructing them to prohibit steerage passengers from Oporto and other plague-infected territory from shipping for the United States, Cuba, or Porto Rico.

In reply I have to say that there is no United States consular officer at Santander, but the consul-general at Barcelona has been requested by cable to convey to the person in charge at Corunna instructions in accordance with the request in your letter.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.